

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ruediger DUWENDAG et al.

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For: OPERATING STATION AND OPERATING METHOD FOR A  
CROSSED BOTTOM LAYING DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows: